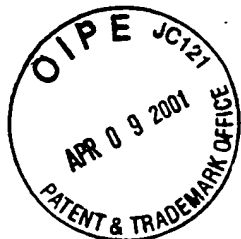


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In response to the Office Action dated March 2, 2001, Applicants hereby submit the present amendment in order to correct certain inaccuracies present in Applicants' previously-filed amendment dated June 14, 2000, the latter having been submitted in response to the non-final Office Action mailed December 15, 1999. In this regard, through the following amendment, Applicants have more precisely defined the construction of the instantly claimed needle protective device consistent with Applicants' intent, as well as have demonstrated how the same is distinguished over the prior art.

Accordingly, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 181-188, as well as the amendments made thereto via Applicants' amendment dated June 14, 2000, and instead please add the following new claims:

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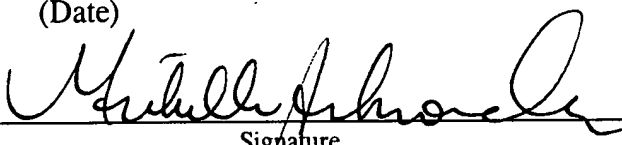
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